



**USB News**  
**Facilities Management**  
**September 2013**

## *Ropes Course*

University Recreation is building a beautiful ropes course on approximately one wooded acre in the upper portion of University Park off of Neff Road. It consists of a tall ropes course and a low ropes course. The tall course is made up of three immense wooden towers that are connected by metal cables or “belays” that are approximately 36 feet high in the air. Participants will traverse the course using harnesses affixed to these cables. There will also be a zip line. The lower course consists of wooden structures, a foot or so off the ground, that can be traversed with the assistance of another person. The purpose of the configuration and construction of the lower course is to encourage teamwork.

Facilities Management Construction Engineer, Tim Shantz, has been working on the project for the last two years. It has been an exciting, but challenging project due to the specialized design process required of an atypical, non-building, type of structure. Because of the complexities related to this type of project, the state's Bureau of Capital Outlay Management (BCOM) is using the design process for JMU's rope course as a model for the state as a standard of how to approach planning and constructing this type of facility.



The ropes course is a part of UREC's Adventure Program and is planned to be used as an outreach for community organizations. JMU's faculty and staff will also have access to this area of University Park through group programs and academic coursework to enhance team and leadership development. Completion of the ropes course is expected in the next few weeks.

## *FM/HR Notes:*

- JMU faculty, staff and affiliates qualify for Faculty/Staff Meal Plans that offer up to 44% off of the door price. You can pay for your meal plan by credit card, check or FLEX. Full-time JMU employees also can purchase a meal plan through payroll deduction.
- State employee discounts for Richmond International Raceway, Disney on Ice, and Great Wolf Lodge can be viewed at <http://www.dhrm.virginia.gov/employeediscounts.htm>
- Employees enrolled in COVA Care or COVA HealthAware who did not complete the Health Assessment during May can do so at [www.myactivehealth.com/COVA](http://www.myactivehealth.com/COVA) and complete their biometric screening by October 31 to receive the six-month premium reward beginning January-June, 2014.
- Check out the Total Compensation Estimator on Human Resources' website to see an estimated value of your total compensation that includes the value of your benefits package.
- Congratulations to Pam Wilberger who won the 50/50 drawing at the FM Picnic. She won \$89! Thanks to all who participated!



**FM Snapshots - FM Summer Picnic**



*Work Control News*



We would like to welcome Donna Kennedy to Work Control. Donna worked in the Store Room for three years. She has two children, Katelyn and Kane; and is married to Kevin who works in the Garage.

Donna will serve, along with Danielle Comer, as the coordinator and central point of contact for Work Control. She will provide support for incoming work requests and work orders from all over campus, and follow through to the end of the process. She will also act as a liaison between the customer and the shops. Donna will assist the trades with work requests as needed. When you see her, welcome her and make her feel at home.

**Home Football Game Schedule**

Sept. 14, 6 p.m.

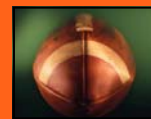
Sept. 21, 6 p.m.

Oct. 5, 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 12, 3:30 p.m.

Nov. 2, 2:30 p.m.

Nov. 16, 3:30 p.m.



*FM Birthdays for September*

Cynthia Harris 9/1	Vickie Elyard 9/2	Karl Sours 9/2	Cassey Hammer 9/3	Ron Jennings 9/3
Joe Rufo 9/3	Shirley Gill 9/6	Abe Kaufman 9/6	Oakley Hill 9/7	Pat Trissel 9/7
Brian Kelley 9/8	Kelly Sites 9/8	Fallon Tysinger 9/9	Victoria Deavers 9/10	John Ventura 9/11
Rodney Campbell 9/12	Kathleen Whetzel 9/12	Dylan Wood 9/12	Dennis Hart 9/13	Susan Leecy 9/13
Chad Churchman 9/14	Barry Smith 9/14	Bonnie Barr 9/15	Bob Knott 9/15	Sandra McCray 9/15
Abby Reedy 9/16	Nancy Cornwell 9/17	Johnwayne Comer 9/19	Phillip Lowery 9/20	Yolanda Morris 9/20
Roy Henderson 9/22	Anna Hudick 9/22	Debbie Morris 9/23	Helen Carper 9/24	Matthew Marks 9/24
Susan May 9/24	Eddie Propst 9/25	Blake Shepherd 9/25	Kim Collier 9/26	Janet Hensley 9/26
Tina Mueller 9/26	Leslie Patrick 9/26	Paul Sherman 9/27	Carolyn Smith 9/28	John Case 9/28
Carol Rhodes 9/28	Elmer Stoops 9/28	Danny Thomas 9/28	Donna Armstrong 9/30	Louise Hummel 9/30
Matthew Lloyd 9/30				